

BEA Criteria

Nominations

The nomination for the 2019 Business Excellence Awards will be open from October 3rd to November 3rd 2018.

Nominees will be contacted for further information!

Show your support by [nominating](#) a favourite Chilliwack business or business person or share your success story and shine a spotlight on your business by [self-nominating](#).

Please provide a brief description about why the business deserves to be nominated in a specific category. After the nomination deadline date, nominees will be contacted and asked to complete a short submission form, which will provide more detailed information about their business for consideration by the Judging Committee.

* There is no limit to the number of businesses you may [nominate](#) and nominees do not have to be Chamber members.

Finalists

You will gain recognition as a top achiever in your sector and will join leading Chilliwack companies as an outstanding member of the business community. You will also enjoy:

- Being featured in our multi-media campaign as one of Business Excellence Award finalists.
- A commemorative certificate for your place of business, as well as a “Business Excellence Awards Finalist” badge to place on your website and use in marketing materials.
- Recognition at the annual Business Excellence Awards Gala, attended by 500+ local businesses and community leaders.
- Finalists will be announced on December 11, 2018 at Chances Chilliwack.

Winners

Winners of the Chilliwack Chamber’s Business Excellence Awards will:

- Receive an engraved award at the Business Excellence Awards Ceremony, and have a maximum of two minutes to speak upon receiving their award.
- Be featured in our multi-media campaign as a Business Excellence Award winner.
- Receive a “Business Excellence Winner” badge to place on their website and be used in marketing materials.

Process

October 3- Nov 3, 2018: Nominations for 2019 Open

November 14th, 2018: Deadline for Nominee Submission Form and copy of your Chilliwack business license.

Nov 14 to Dec 1st: Nominee Submission Forms reviewed by the Judging Committee, a scoring matrix (attach) will be used to guide the process and determine our finalists.

December 11th, 2018: Finalists Announcement. We will announce the Finalists at Chances Chilliwack at our Nominee celebration. We will follow it with a social media live post on Dec. 12.

Once the finalists are determined, 24 judges in teams of 3 will review the nominations, questionnaire submissions, scores and conduct an interview via phone or in person with the finalists. Each team will converse and determine a winner for two categories.

January 19, 2019: Business Excellence Awards Gala Event held at Heritage Park

** Please note that winners are determined by the Judging Committee, not by an online voting system or by number of nominations.*

FAQs

Can businesses or individuals nominate themselves?

- Yes, self-nominations are welcome.

How long does a business have to be operating to self-nominate or be nominated?

- Minimum of 18 months unless stated by the specific criteria in the City or District of Chilliwack.

Can surrounding companies be nominated?

- No, all nominees must be located in the City or District of Chilliwack

Do I need to have a business license to qualify?

- Yes, you need to have proof of a valid business license from the City of Chilliwack.

How are the finalists and winners decided?

- Finalists and winners are decided by the independent Judging Committee, not by an online voting system or by number of nominations.

Can a business or individual self-nominate or be nominated in more than one category?

- Yes, you may self-nominate or be nominated in up to three categories but can only qualify as a finalist in one category. Judges may use their discretion to identify the most suitable categories for businesses to be placed.

What is the age for a Young Entrepreneur to be considered?

- Under the age of 40 before December 31 of the year considered.

How many consecutive years can you self-nominate or be nominated?

- Unlimited, however, once you win in a given category you may only self-nominate or be nominated again after 5 years.

How many years after winning in one category can you self-nominate or be nominated in the same category?

- After 5 years.

If you win in one category, can you self-nominate or be nominated in a different category the following year?

- Yes.

How many consecutive years can you be nominated in the same category?

- Unlimited until you win.

Can franchises of large companies qualify?

- Yes, if the franchise is privately owned and is operating in the City of Chilliwack.

Can sponsors be nominated in a category other than the one they are sponsoring?

- Yes, as we have 24 judges and teams of 3, the teams will be selected based on no conflicts.

Can sponsors make nominations?

- Yes.

Can Board Member's companies be nominated?

- Yes, as the independent Judging Committee is not comprised of Chamber staff or Board Members.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a nomination in any of the categories you must:

- Have been in business for a minimum of 18 months in the City of Chilliwack
- Possess a valid business license in the City of Chilliwack
- Demonstrate a proven sales record.

Anyone is able to nominate a business or business person, and nominees do not have to be a Chamber member. For additional information please view our FAQ.

- **Finalists** must have a valid business license